

WILCOX REFUSES TO ADMIT DEFEAT

His Private Advises Are California Count Is Not Complete.

WATCHERS ARE GLOOMY

Headquarters Crowd Hangs on Grimly, but Leaders Are Silent.

William R. Wilcox, chairman of the Republican National Committee, issued the following statement at 11 o'clock last night:

"We are still waiting for complete returns from the close States, but to the present moment, so far as results are concerned, there is no change from last night."

Mr. Wilcox declined to amplify this statement in any way. He telephoned to headquarters from his room in the Hotel Baltimore, where he passed the evening.

At 11:30 o'clock THE SUN received an Associated Press dispatch asserting that President Wilson had carried California. Informed of this Mr. Wilcox said:

"That does not correspond with the reports we have received by telephone from California. These show that the count is not complete. About 100 precincts are yet to hear from."

The Faithful Hang Around.

At 10:20 this line was written on the blackboard at headquarters:

"No more bulletins tonight."

Still twenty or twenty-five of the crowd of 300 which had been in the rooms since sundown remained, and there was a loud cheer at 10:45 when there was posted a Western Union bulletin from San Francisco with the information that 5,553 precincts of 5,570 in California gave Hughes 467,231, Wilson 466,136.

This was discredited, however, when the committee's publicity man remarked in a group that the whole number of precincts in California was 5,919 instead of 5,570, and there was a further crimp in the enthusiasm when the Associated Press reported that according to its latest advices Wilson was still leading in California, with only about sixty-five precincts to hear from.

No bulletins were put on the board between 8 and 10 o'clock and the crowd of watchers was in anything but a jovial mood. The general atmosphere of depression was not relieved when, soon after 10 o'clock, these words were written on the blackboard:

"North Dakota's plurality for Wilson seems too large to overcome."

Inquiries were informed that this message had come from the St. Paul Pioneer-Press.

Root Preserves Silence.

The crowd wanted news from California, but there was none forthcoming. Former Senator Elihu Root arrived at a few minutes before 10 o'clock and entered the chairman's private office.

Mr. Root was met by the chairman, Samuel S. Koenig, and a few other leaders. Mr. Root emerged in about five minutes.

"I have no statement to make," he said in answer to a question.

Asked with respect to the situation, he shook his head and said:

"I don't know."

Mr. Root also declined to express an opinion on Republican prospects.

DRYS CLAIM 350,000 VOTES AND 4 STATES

Will Urge Congress to Pass Federal Amendment—California Wet.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 9.—Oliver W. Stewart, chairman of the Prohibition National Campaign Committee, today issued a statement in which he said the Prohibition vote would reach 350,000.

"Return from our vote," said Mr. Stewart, "are slow in coming in, but we have heard enough to justify us in expecting the final total votes polled for Mr. Handly, the Prohibition candidate for President, will reach 350,000. Mr. Chapin, our candidate four years ago, polled 200,000 votes."

"So close was the race between Hughes and Wilson that the increased vote which Handly received in several States if given to the loser would have changed the result. Many Progressives who believe in prohibition turned to Handly rather than Hughes because of the silence of the latter on the issue in which they are interested."

Returns from all over Indiana indicate the strength of the Prohibition and Anti-Saloon League. In several reports from fifty-seven of the ninety-two counties in the State for President Hughes, Prohibition, 6,802; Benson, 5,200.

San Francisco, Nov. 9.—Further returns available throughout the State today apparently have failed to shake the lead majorities in the last night against the two "dry" amendments.

Amendment No. 1 was for complete prohibition, while the second amendment was a restrictive sale measure.

Allegations of election frauds in the wet and dry fight in San Francisco were made by Franklin Hiebohn, publicity manager for the Anti-Saloon League. If the charges are substantiated, Hiebohn declares not only will the entire "wet" and "dry" vote of the State be jeopardized, but the national election also will be affected. The charges are denied by G. M. McDowell, executive officer for the Associated California Industries, and by Chief of Police White.

Washington, Nov. 9.—The legislative committee of the Anti-Saloon League of America issued a statement here tonight commenting on the Prohibition victories Tuesday, when Michigan, Nebraska, Montana and South Dakota joined the list of stateside prohibition States, and declaring that Congress this winter should pass the Federal amendment resolutely making the District of Columbia dry and deny the mails to liquor advertisements.

Prohibitions tonight were that the "dry" prohibition amendment, which was aimed to stop all importation of liquor into Oregon for beverage purposes, had carried by about 15,000.

The prohibition amendments in Michigan, Montana, Nebraska and South Dakota were adopted by substantial majorities.

Both the liquor men and the Prohibitionists of Alaska were amazed by the large vote in favor of the prohibition law. It is said every town in Alaska gave a majority for the bill.

West Virginia and South Dakota defeated a suffrage amendment.

MCCORMICK CLAIMS DOUBTFUL STATES

Insists Wilson Will Have 288 Electoral Votes When Count Is Made.

IS SURE OF CALIFORNIA

New Mexico and Minnesota Report Victory for Wilson, He Says.

Vance C. McCormick, at a late hour last night was still claiming all of the doubtful States for Wilson. He would not admit that even West Virginia had been lost beyond hope. McCormick's claims, summarized, were to the following effect:

California is safely Wilson, because Hughes won't be able to cut the President's lead in the missing districts, for three-fourths of them are Democratic beyond any room for doubt.

The Hughes lead in Minnesota is so small that the districts still to be heard from are sure to wipe it out. There too the missing votes are in territory friendly to the President.

The Republicans should stop claiming North Dakota, Wilson's victory in that State being absolute and settled beyond any room for doubt.

The vote of New Hampshire is all in and it gives the State to Wilson by a plurality of 115. This is an improvement on the earlier report of a Wilson plurality of 92.

New Mexico is showing better for Wilson all the time, and the President has a better chance there than Hughes.

Looks for 288 Votes.

"It is all over, boys; the President has been re-elected, and that is all there is to it," the Democratic national chairman said.

"What are your figures now?" he was asked.

"The same as they have been," he replied. "I don't intend to change my estimate of 288 electoral votes for Mr. Wilson."

He was requested to name the States from which he expected temporary eclipse during the ascendancy of the Progressive gospel of Republicanism.

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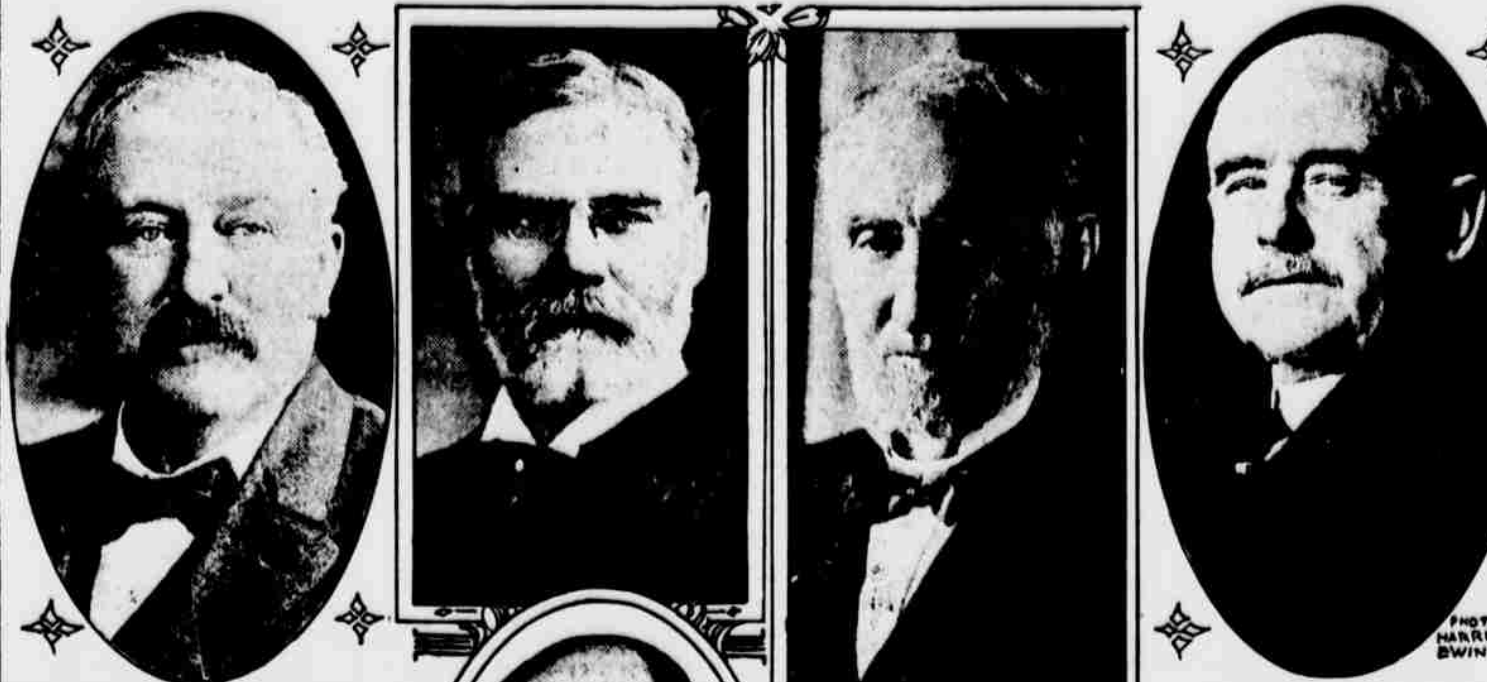
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Some Well Known Men Who Will Sit in the Next Congress of the United States.



CONGRESS IN DOUBT, LIKELY REPUBLICAN

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the "dry" of his district, but came through the fight with a plurality more than ample. Representative Sherwood of Ohio, Democrat, one of the venerable figures of the lower house, narrowly escaped defeat.

Uncle Joe's Return.

Uncle Joe Cannon of Illinois, who although still classed as a warhorse is acquiring at the age of 80 the contemplative habit of thought, has been returned by his constituency, which has only two lapses of loyalty since the Party-third Congress when he began his political career. With him has returned Representative Rodenburg of East St. Louis, another "regular" whose career suffered temporary eclipse during the ascendancy of the Progressive gospel of Republicanism.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The makeup of the next House is shown by this table:

State	Present House	Next House
Alabama	10	10
Arizona	1	1
Arkansas	7	7
California	13	13
Colorado	3	3
Connecticut	0	0
Delaware	1	1
Florida	4	4
Idaho	1	1
Illinois	10	10
Indiana	11	11
Iowa	1	1
Kansas	6	6
Kentucky	7	7
Louisiana	7	7
Maine	1	1
Massachusetts	4	4
Michigan	11	11
Minnesota	1	1
Mississippi	8	8
Missouri	14	14
Montana	2	2
Nebraska	3	3
Nevada	1	1
New Hampshire	1	1
New Jersey	10	10
New Mexico	0	0
New York	18	18
North Carolina	0	0
North Dakota	0	0
Ohio	9	9
Oklahoma	0	0
Oregon	0	0
Pennsylvania	6	6
Rhode Island	1	1
South Carolina	7	7
South Dakota	1	1
Tennessee	8	8
Texas	18	18
Vermont	0	0
Virginia	9	9
Washington	1	1
West Virginia	2	2
Wisconsin	3	3
Wyoming	0	0
Totals	230	230

SENATE RECAPITULATION.

State	Present Senate	Next Senate
Alabama	2	2
Arizona	0	0
Arkansas	2	2
California	1	1
Colorado	2	2
Connecticut	0	0
Delaware	1	1
Florida	2	2
Idaho	1	1
Illinois	2	2
Indiana	2	2
Iowa	1	1
Kansas	1	1
Kentucky	2	2
Louisiana	1	1
Maine	1	1
Maryland	2	2
Massachusetts	0	0
Michigan	0	0
Minnesota	2	2
Mississippi	2	2
Missouri	2	2
Montana	1	1
Nebraska	1	1
Nevada	0	0
New Hampshire	1	1
New Jersey	2	2
New Mexico	0	0
New York	2	2
North Carolina	2	2
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Ohio	2	2
Oklahoma	0	0
Pennsylvania	0	0
Rhode Island	0	0
South Carolina	1	1
South Dakota	1	1
Tennessee	2	2
Texas	2	2
Vermont	0	0
Virginia	2	2
Washington	0	0
West Virginia	1	1
Wisconsin	1	1
Wyoming	0	0
Totals	56	56

SULZER'S BROTHER ELECTED.

Wins Against James Wickereham in Alaska Congress Contest.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 9.—James Wickereham, Independent Republican, Delegate to Congress from Alaska for many years, appears to have been defeated for reelection by Charles Sulzer, Democrat, a brother of former Governor William Sulzer of New York, according to late despatches.

With all the towns heard from, the Democratic territorial committee claims the election of Sulzer by more than 400 plurality.

Charles E. Herron of Juneau and Anchorage, Alaska, who arrived here yesterday, said at the Waldorf that a close political fight, not unlike the one that is now making history in the United States, is going on in Alaska. Although they don't get a vote for President in Alaska, there is a stirring fight for Attorney-General, and now they are waiting for returns from the outlying districts before the result can be assured.

This news reached Mr. Herron by a telegram from Juneau yesterday. He believed that George B. Grigsby, Democrat, has been elected.

Orange Bank President Quits.

ORANGE, N. J., Nov. 9.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Second National Bank here this afternoon it was announced that Charles M. Close, president of the institution, had resigned owing to differences in matters of business policy with a new board of directors he helped to elect.

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